



Testbed Roundup: The GOES-R Proving Ground



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GOES-R Proving Ground



The GOES-R Proving Ground engages NWS in pre-operational demonstrations of selected capabilities of next generation GOES

- **Objective is to bridge the gap between research and operations by:**
 - Utilizing current systems (satellite, terrestrial, or model/synthetic) to emulate future GOES-R capabilities
 - Infusing GOES-R products and techniques into NWS operations with emphasis on AWIPS and transitioning to AWIPS-II.
 - Engaging in a dialogue to provide feedback to developers from users
- **The Proving Ground accomplishes its mission through:**
 - Sustained interaction between developers and end users for training, product evaluation, and solicitation of user feedback.
 - Close coordination with GOES-R Algorithm Working Group (AWG) and Risk Reduction programs as sources of demonstration products, promoting a smooth transition to operations

Intended outcomes are Day-1 readiness and maximum utilization for both the developers and users of GOES-R products, and an effective transition to operations



GOES-R Products



Baseline Products

Advanced Baseline Imager (ABI)

Aerosol Detection (Including Smoke and Dust)
Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD)
Clear Sky Masks
Cloud and Moisture Imagery
Cloud Optical Depth
Cloud Particle Size Distribution
Cloud Top Height
Cloud Top Phase
Cloud Top Pressure
Cloud Top Temperature
Derived Motion Winds
Derived Stability Indices
Downward Shortwave Radiation: Surface
Fire/Hot Spot Characterization
Hurricane Intensity Estimation
Land Surface Temperature (Skin)
Legacy Vertical Moisture Profile
Legacy Vertical Temperature Profile
Radiances
Rainfall Rate/QPE
Reflected Shortwave Radiation: TOA
Sea Surface Temperature (Skin)
Snow Cover
Total Precipitable Water
Volcanic Ash: Detection and Height

Geostationary Lightning Mapper (GLM)

Lightning Detection: Events, Groups & Flashes

Space Environment In-Situ Suite (SEISS)

Energetic Heavy Ions
Magnetospheric Electrons & Protons: Low Energy
Magnetospheric Electrons: Med & High Energy
Magnetospheric Protons: Med & High Energy
Solar and Galactic Protons

Magnetometer (MAG)

Geomagnetic Field

Extreme Ultraviolet and X-ray Irradiance Suite (EXIS)

Solar Flux: EUV
Solar Flux: X-ray Irradiance

Solar Ultraviolet Imager (SUVI)

Solar EUV Imagery

Future Capabilities

Advanced Baseline Imager (ABI)

Absorbed Shortwave Radiation: Surface
Aerosol Particle Size
Aircraft Icing Threat
Cloud Ice Water Path
Cloud Layers/Heights
Cloud Liquid Water
Cloud Type
Convective Initiation
Currents
Currents: Offshore
Downward Longwave Radiation: Surface
Enhanced "V"/Overshooting Top Detection
Flood/Standing Water
Ice Cover
Low Cloud and Fog
Ozone Total
Probability of Rainfall
Rainfall Potential
Sea and Lake Ice: Age
Sea and Lake Ice: Concentration
Sea and Lake Ice: Motion
Snow Depth (Over Plains)
SO₂ Detection
Surface Albedo
Surface Emissivity
Tropopause Folding Turbulence Prediction
Upward Longwave Radiation: Surface
Upward Longwave Radiation: TOA
Vegetation Fraction: Green
Vegetation Index
Visibility

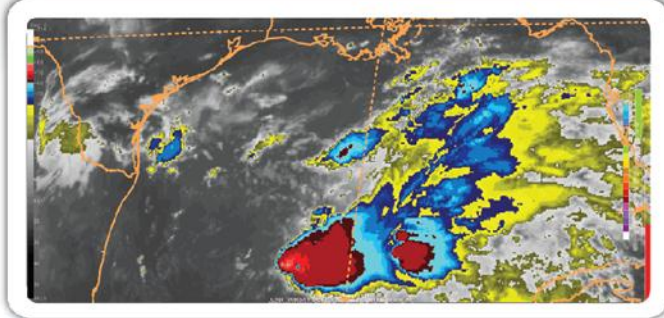


2012 Demonstrations

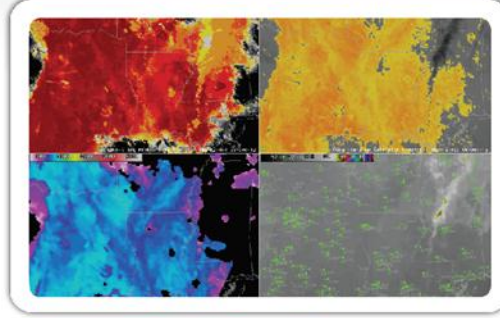


- Hazardous Weather Testbed
 - Focus on Severe Storms
- NHC/Joint Hurricane Testbed
 - Focus on tropical cyclones/hurricane intensity and track
- Aviation Weather Testbed
 - Focus on High Impact Convective Weather
- OPC and SAB (Camp Springs MD)
 - Focus on offshore thunderstorms
- High Latitude and Arctic Experiment (Alaska Region)
 - Focus on precipitation/snow/cloud/ash/aviation
- HPC and SAB (Camp Springs MD)
 - Focus on precipitation/QPF
- Air Quality (UMBC)
 - Focus on aerosol detection
- Pacific Region (Hawaii)
 - Focus on tropical cyclones/heavy rainfall/aviation
- Space Weather (NWS SWPC: Boulder CO)
 - Focus on GOES-R like level 2 products

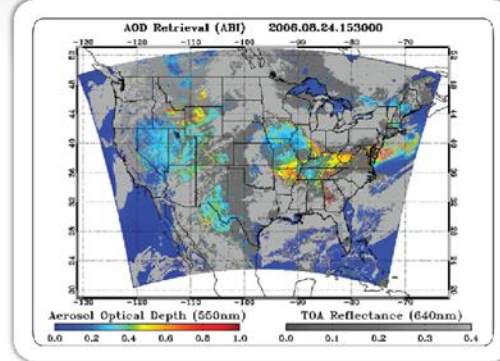
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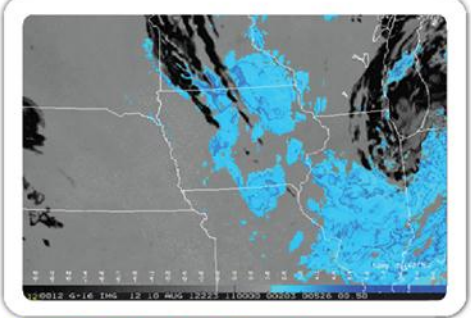
■ **AWC – Kansas City, MO** IR Imagery of Oceanic Storms



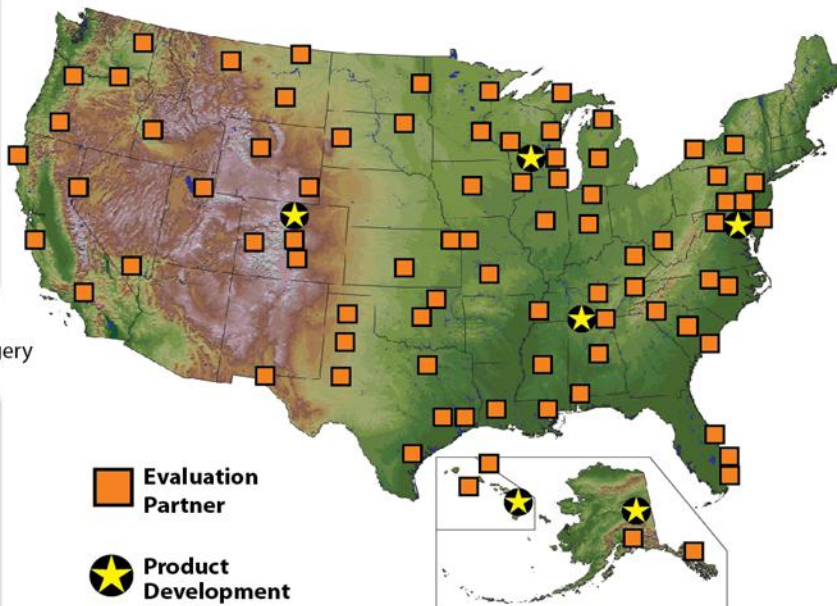
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Fog/Low Stratus Product



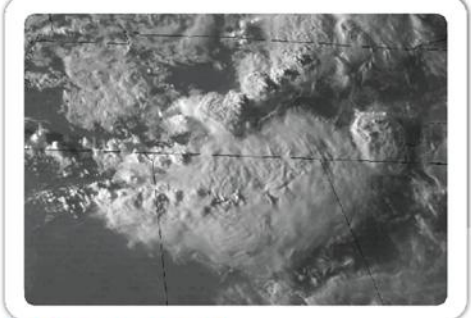
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Aerosol Optical Depth



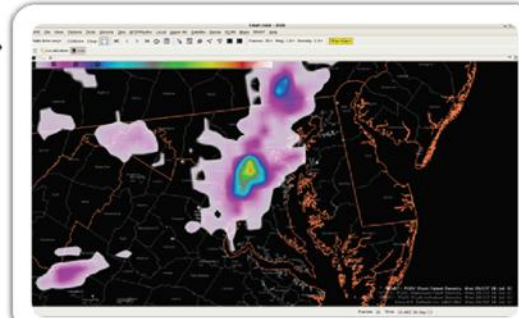
★ **CIRA/STAR – Ft. Collins, CO**
ABI Synthetic Low Cloud Enhancement Imagery



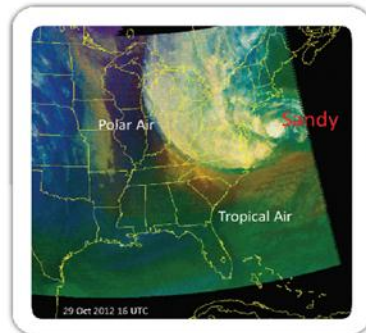
- Evaluation Partner
- ★ Product Development Partner



■ **SPC – Norman, OK**
Severe Storms 1-Min Visible Imagery of Overshooting Tops



★ **SPoRT/NASA – Huntsville, AL**
GLM Lightning Density



■ **NHC – Miami, FL**
RGB Air Mass for Hurricane Sandy

GOES-R Proving Ground Reports

THE GOES-R PROVING GROUND

Accelerating User Readiness for the Next-Generation Geostationary Environmental Satellite System

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By demonstrating the advanced capabilities of the next generation of geostationary satellites, the proving ground addresses user readiness and the research-to-operations-to-research loop.

The Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite R series (GOES-R) Proving Ground (PG) is an initiative to accelerate user readiness for the next generation of U.S. geostationary environmental satellites. The GOES-R system is a joint development between the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), with NASA responsible for the space segment (spacecraft and instruments) and NOAA responsible for the overall program and ground segment. The GOES-R PG is a collaborative effort between the GOES-R Program Office (GPO); NOAA Cooperative Institutes; NASA's Short-Term Prediction Research and Transition Center (SPoRT); National Weather

Service (NWS) Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs); NWS National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP); National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS) Office of Satellite and Product Operations (OSPO) and the Center for Satellite Applications and Research (STAR); and NOAA test beds to conduct demonstration activities to gain early experience with GOES-R capabilities in an operational environment. Improved spacecraft and instrument technology will support expanded detection of environmental phenomena, resulting in more timely and accurate forecasts and warnings. The Advanced Baseline Imager (ABI), described by Schmit et al. (2005), is a 16-channel imager with 2 visible channels, 4 near-infrared channels, and 10

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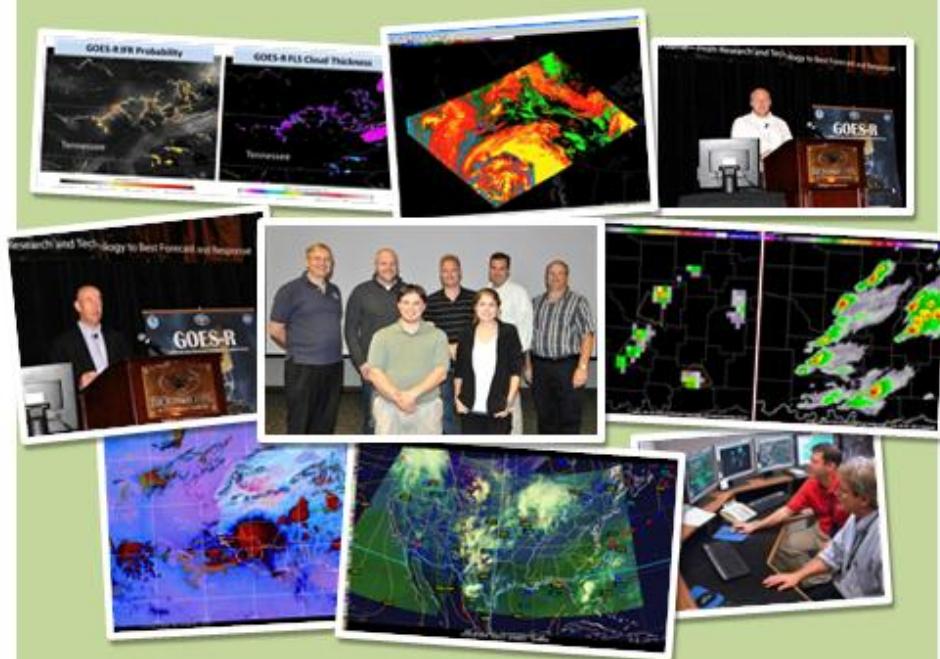
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GOES-R Proving Ground

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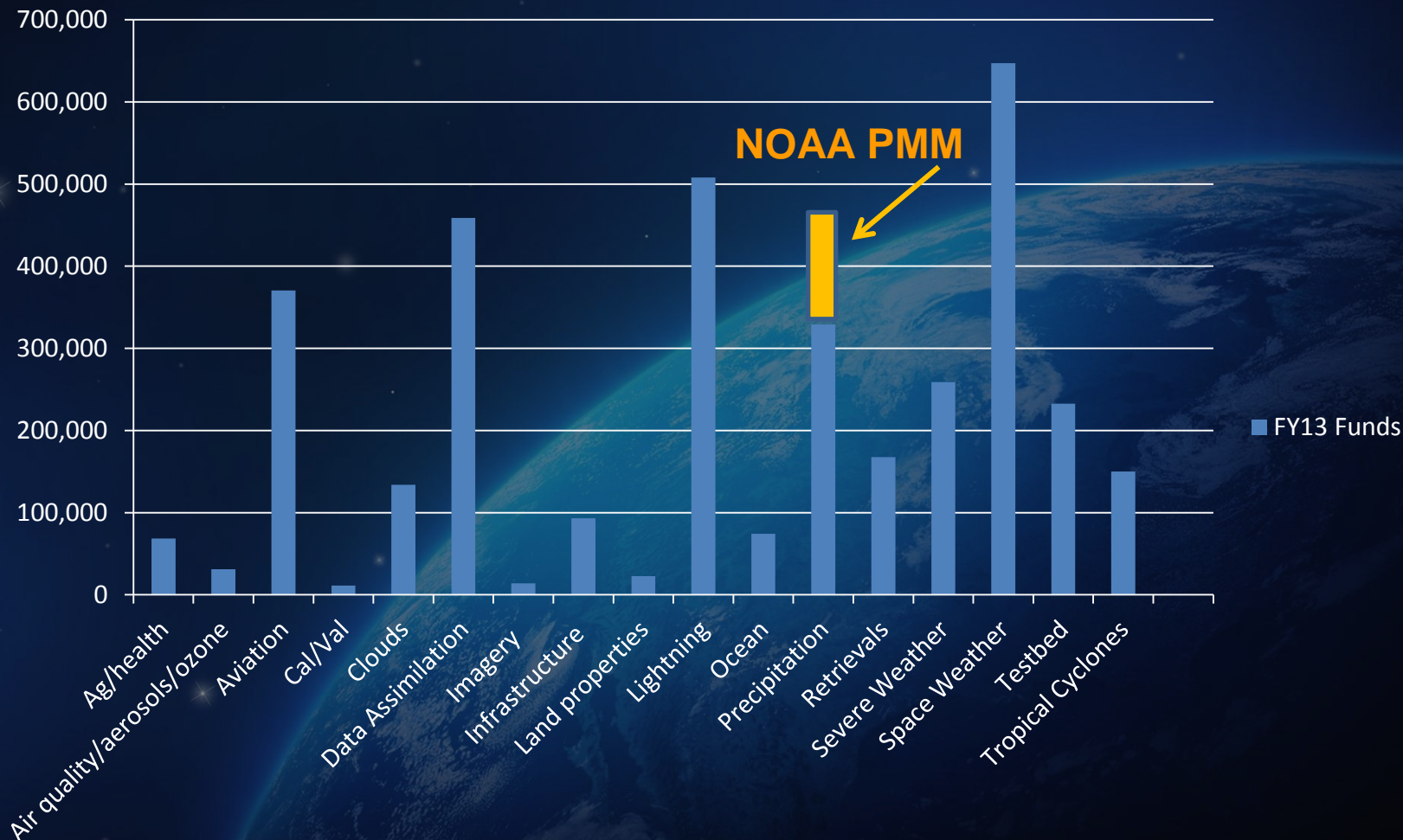
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FY13 R3 Funding by Topic

FY13 Funds \$





NWS Operational Advisory Team (NOAT) Yearly Guidance Memorandum for the Science and Demonstration Executive Board (SDEB) – FY13

- **Overarching NWS Science and Technology Themes**
 - Convective initiation/Warn on Forecast
 - Best state of the Atmosphere (e.g., 3-d analysis)
 - Next Generation Forecast System
 - Decision Support Information Systems
 - Integration of Social Science into the forecast process
 - Risk Reduction as a core validation activity
- **NWS Weather Ready Nation (WRN)**



*NOAT Priorities



for GOES-R Future Capabilities

- 1. Convective Initiation
- 2. Fog and Low Stratus
- 3. Icing Threat plus Cloud Properties (cloud ice water path, cloud layers heights, cloud liquid water, cloud type). Note: these are all interrelated – cloud properties integral to this and other efforts. Also, specific guidance to pursue integrated NWP-centric approaches.
- 4. SO₂ Detection
- 5. Land Surface Model Related (emissivity, vegetation index, vegetation fraction)
- 6. **Precipitation: probability of rainfall, rainfall potential, QPE (Rain Rate)**
- 7. Ice Cover
- 8. Flood and Standing Water (at full resolution)
- 9. Other Priority 2 Products not specifically noted (includes tropopause folding turbulence prediction, enhanced V overshooting top detection, visibility, and all others not covered above).

Although demonstration of products should meet these priorities, NOAT accepts the demonstration of non-baseline products as acceptable if short-term value to operations is expected.

FY13 Risk Reduction New Starts

<u>GOES R3 Topic</u>	<u>Project/PI</u>
Aviation	Satellite-Detected OT/TOT CIMSS/Velden, LaRC/Bedka
Infrastructure	AWIPS-II Satellite Plug-ins (EPDT) NASA/Jedlovec, STAR-CIRA/DeMaria, STAR-CIMSS/Schmit
Clouds	Fog and Low Stratus Detection STAR/Pavolonis
Lightning	GLM Lightning Jump Algorithm Pre-Operational National Demonstration UAH/Carey, OU-CIMMS-NSSL/Calhoun
Severe Weather	Convective Initiation (GOES-R Fused NWP) UAH/Mecikalski, GSD/Benjamin, STAR/Heidinger



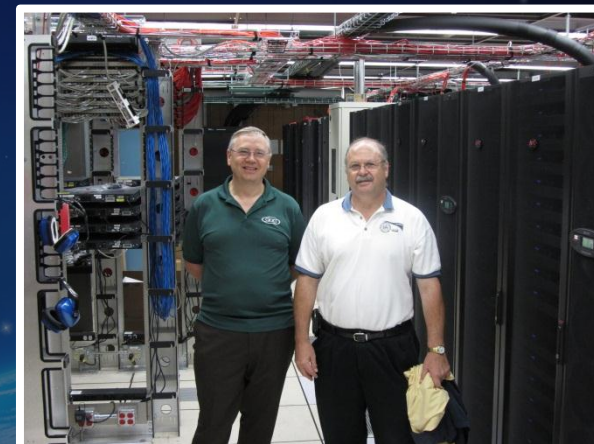
*IAC Recommendation Science Week March 2013

... Utilization of the LEO high spectral resolution data rendering of moisture vertical and horizontal distributions needs to be encouraged.

Recommendation: Regional forecasts and nowcasts necessary for a Weather Ready Nation will have to make better use of the information content from AIRS, CrIS, and IASI data; GPS data should also be included. Between LEO sounding coverage, **GOES-R data should be used to monitor temporal profile changes (atmospheric stability, dq/dt , $V \cdot \nabla q$, $\nabla \cdot q$, etc).**

GOES-R NWP Program Updates

- Visiting Scientists- High Impact Weather NWP
 - Haidao Lin- ESRL/CIRA
 - Thomas Jones-NSSL/OU-CIMMS
 - Xiaoyan Zhang- EMC/CICS
- JCSDA Computing Infrastructure Enhancements
 - S4 supercomputer at UW-CIMSS
 - Jibb supercomputer at NASA GMAO
 - Governance and User accounts in place
 - NCEP Global Forecast system installed to advance R2O
- Meetings-Workshops
 - Warn on Forecast-High Impact Weather (Norman, OK, February 5-7)
 - NOAA Satellite Science Week (Virtual, March 18-22)
 - NOAA Testbed-Proving Ground Workshop (College Park, MD, April 2-4, 2013)-focus on High Impact Events
 - NOAA Satellite Conference (College Park, MD, April 8-12)-special session on NWP and Data Assimilation for TCs, hurricanes, and heavy precipitation



SPD Director Greg Mandt and Program Chief Scientist Steve Goodman tour the Super Computer for Satellite Simulation and Data Assimilation Studies (S4) at UW-CIMSS.



The Joint Center in a big box (Jibb) supercomputer at NASA GMAO

GOES 14 SRSOR Experiment

http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/srsor/GOES-14_SRSOR.html

- Outcomes: Operational use of ABI and GLM for nowcasting
 - 1 min imagery, 1 minute lightning, 1 min radar volume scans
- Time: August 16-October 31, 2012
- Locations:
 - Norman, OK- NEXRAD, MPAR, OKLMA (primary site)
 - Huntsville, AL- NEXRAD, UAH dual-pol radars, NALMA
 - Sterling, VA- NEXRAD, TDWR, DCLMA
 - Fort Collins, Colorado- NEXRAD, CSU-CHILL, NCLMA
 - Melbourne/KSC, FL- NEXRAD, LDAR II
 - Atlantic Ocean/GulfMex Basin- NASA EV-1 Hurricane and Severe Storm Sentinel-HS3 science flights 20 Sept-5 Oct coincidence with GOES-R products (<http://espo.nasa.gov/missions/hs3>)



GOES-14 SRSOR 1-min Imagery Experiment

http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/srsor/GOES-14_SRSOR.html

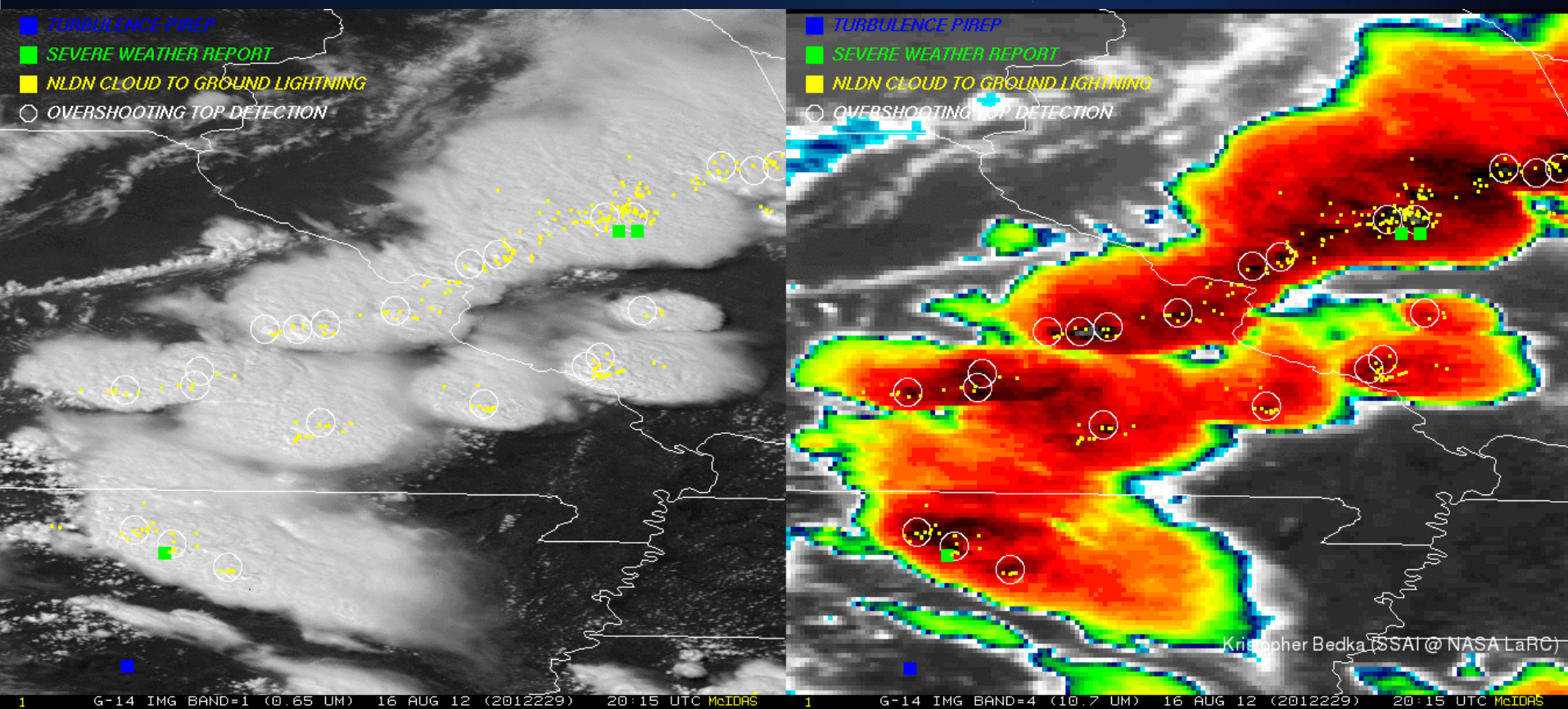
The GOES-R **Algorithm Work Group** in partnership with the GOES-R **Risk Reduction Science Program** and **Proving Ground Demonstration Program** have developed a number of products and decision aids undergoing evaluation and feedback with NWS forecasters across the country.

In the GOES-R Proving Ground, Baseline and Future Capability Products are demonstrated with and receive feedback from forecasters using proxy and simulated data sets. Some of the key products that are very useful for high impact weather forecasts and warnings include:

- Cloud and Moisture Imagery
- Hurricane Intensity Estimate
- Convective Initiation
- Overshooting Top Detection
- Lightning Detection

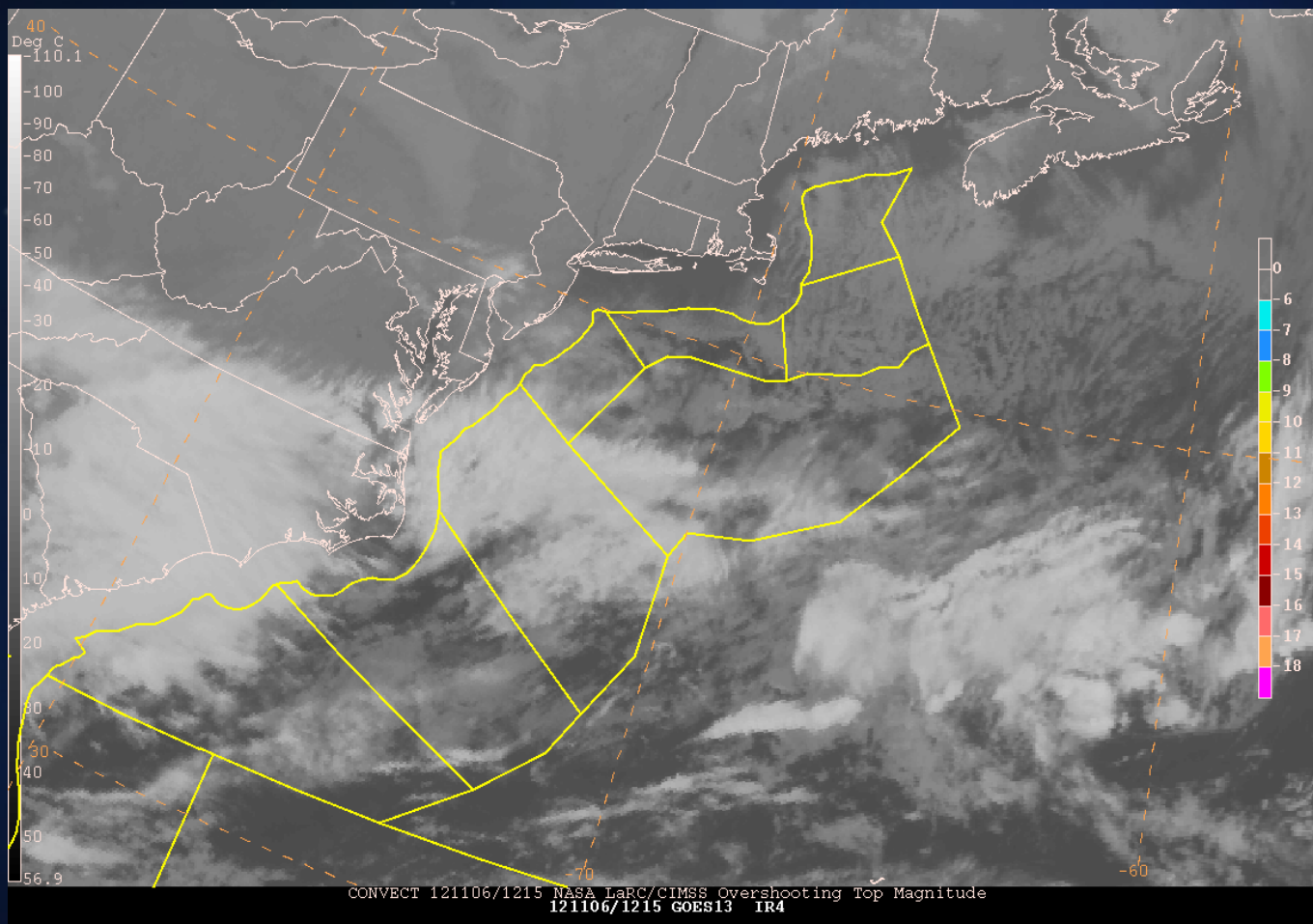
A deficiency in these product demonstrations is our inability to more fully demonstrate the added utility of the GOES-R imagery products at the higher 30 sec to 1 min mesoscale refresh rate that will be routinely possible with the ABI.

GOES-14 SRSOR Experiment : Overshooting Top Detection



Nor'easter on 11/07/2012

GOES-13 Infrared overlaid with Overshooting Tops



HWT Spring Experiment

- **Forecasters pleased with “Strength of Signal” output from SATCAST CI**
 - Used SATCAST 83% of time during warning ops in EWP
 - Increased SATCAST strength 30-60 min prior to CI with potential for longer lead times for severe
 - “We’ve seen this all week... UAH gives a heads up that general convection is building, then a short time later UW-CTC typically picks up on the stronger convection building.”
 - Increase in false alarm rate over high terrain
 - 88% of participants comfortable using the product
- **Cloud Top Cooling Rate (UW-CTC)**
 - Used CTC 89% of time during warning ops
 - Lead time over occurrence of 60 dBZ composite reflectivity and 1.0 MESH: 10 – 90 min with most around 30 min
 - With knowledge of environment and ongoing supercell activity... warnings issued with CTC

HWT Spring Experiment

— Simulated Satellite Imagery

- “Synthetic WRF imagery can enhance forecasts by providing model data in a familiar satellite format which makes model analysis, model comparison to obs and model forecast projections easier to visualize and understand”

— Psedo Geostationary Lightning Mapper (pGLM)

- Total lightning data showed good correlation with updraft intensity and typically seen “well ahead of the first CG (cloud to ground) flash
- Pulled focus to individual storms of interest
- Particularly useful during days with marginally severe and numerous storms over CWA

— Nearcast

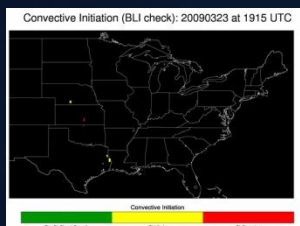
- Forecasters used Nearcast product 70% of time in warning ops
- Found instability fields particularly useful in determining convective maintenance



NWS Vision to Integrate ABI and GLM Products with Other Data and Models

A Potential Operational Example: Convective Initiation/Severe Wx
How can we integrate the information in future tools?

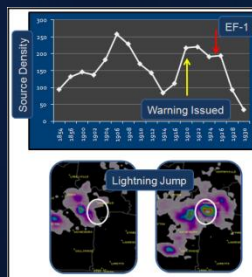
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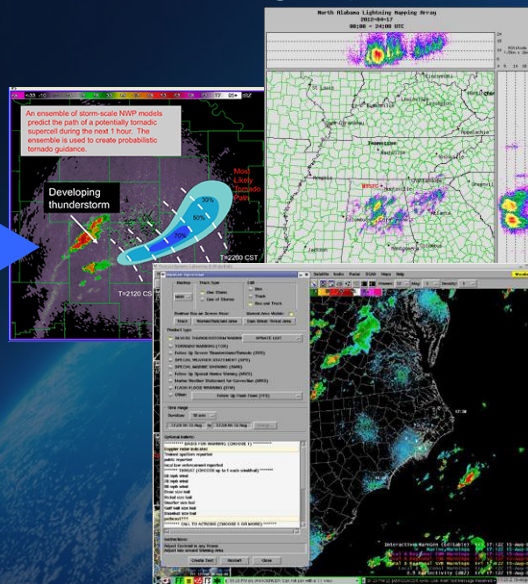
Over-shooting tops



Lightning Jumps



Next Generation Warning System



Why NWS needs this?

Situational Awareness
Warning confidence
Decision Support (venues)

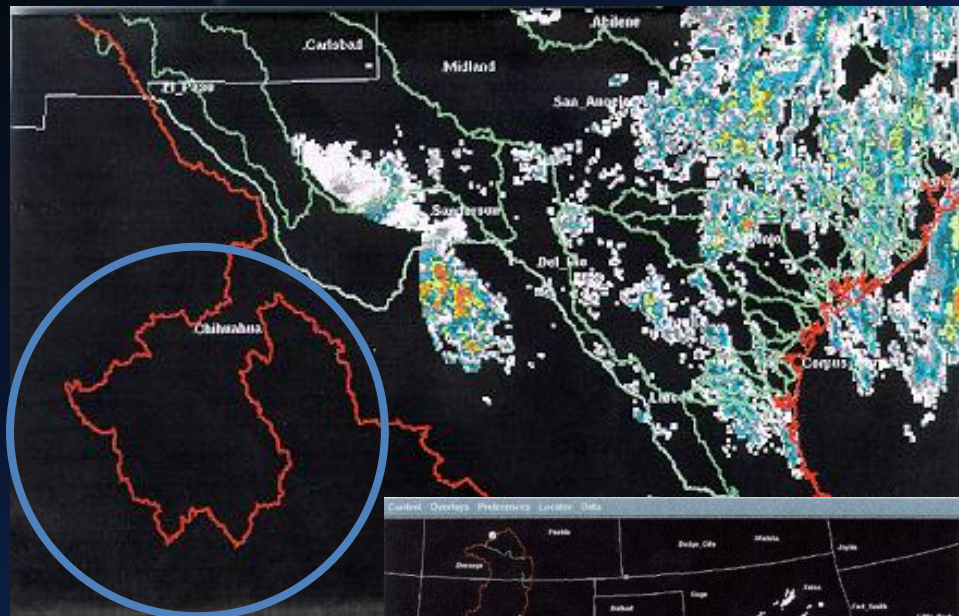
Situational Awareness:

User comment: 'Cloud Top Cooling product is an excellent source of enhancing the situational awareness for future convective initiation, particularly in rapid scan mode'.

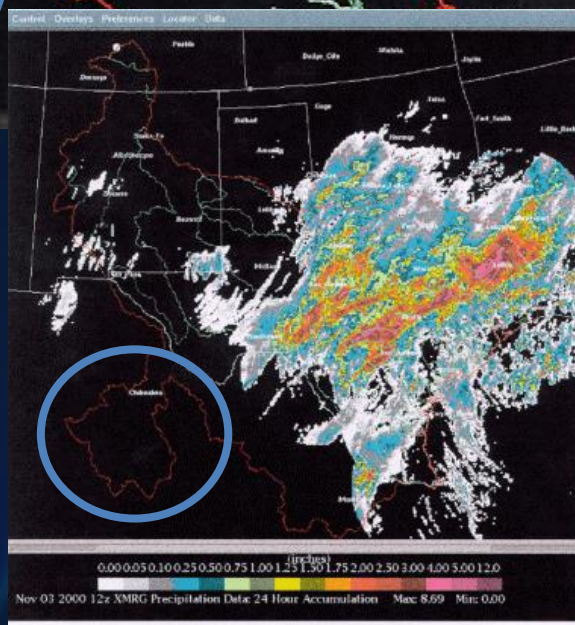
*AWC Testbed forecaster
(June 2012)*

West Gulf RFC Data Gaps

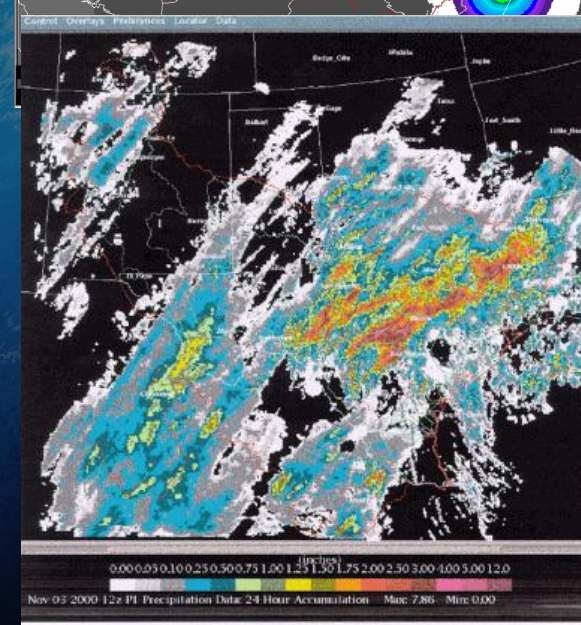
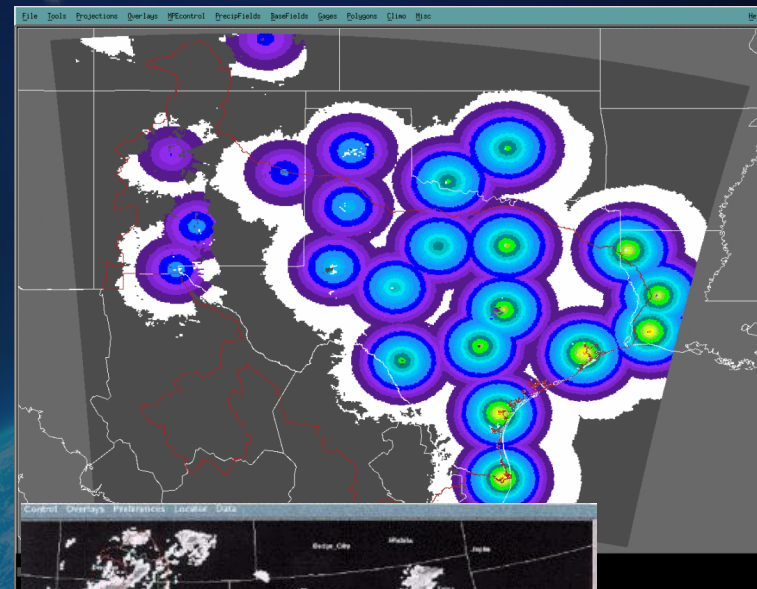
WGRFC is responsible for deriving basin averaged areal precipitation for every location inside the red outline- this is outside the range of the WSR-88D, and there are roughly 15 real-time rain gauges over this region.



Satellite QPE is used where there is no dependable radar estimates or rain gauge data



Multi-sensor Mosaic



Multi-sensor Mosaic and Satellite Estimates

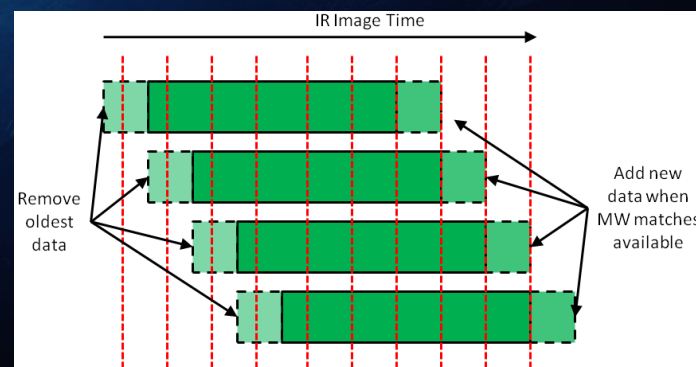
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GOES-R Rain Rate Algorithm- SCaMPR

Self-Calibrating Multivariate Precipitation Retrieval

- The GOES-R Rainfall Rate algorithm (developed from SEVERI proxy data) estimates instantaneous rain rate every 15 min on the ABI full disk at the IR pixel resolution (~ 2 km) with a latency of less than 5 min from image time.
- Primary focus is operational flash flood forecast support
- The rain rates will be derived from the ABI IR bands, calibrated against rain rates from MW instruments.
- This will allow the rapid refresh and high spatial resolution of IR data from GEO while attempting to capture the accuracy of MW rain rates from LEO.
- A 2-channel version of this algorithm modified for current GOES has been running in real time since August 2011 in support of GOES-R Proving Ground
 - Current GOES Imager does not have the 6.2, 8.5, and 12.0 μm bands

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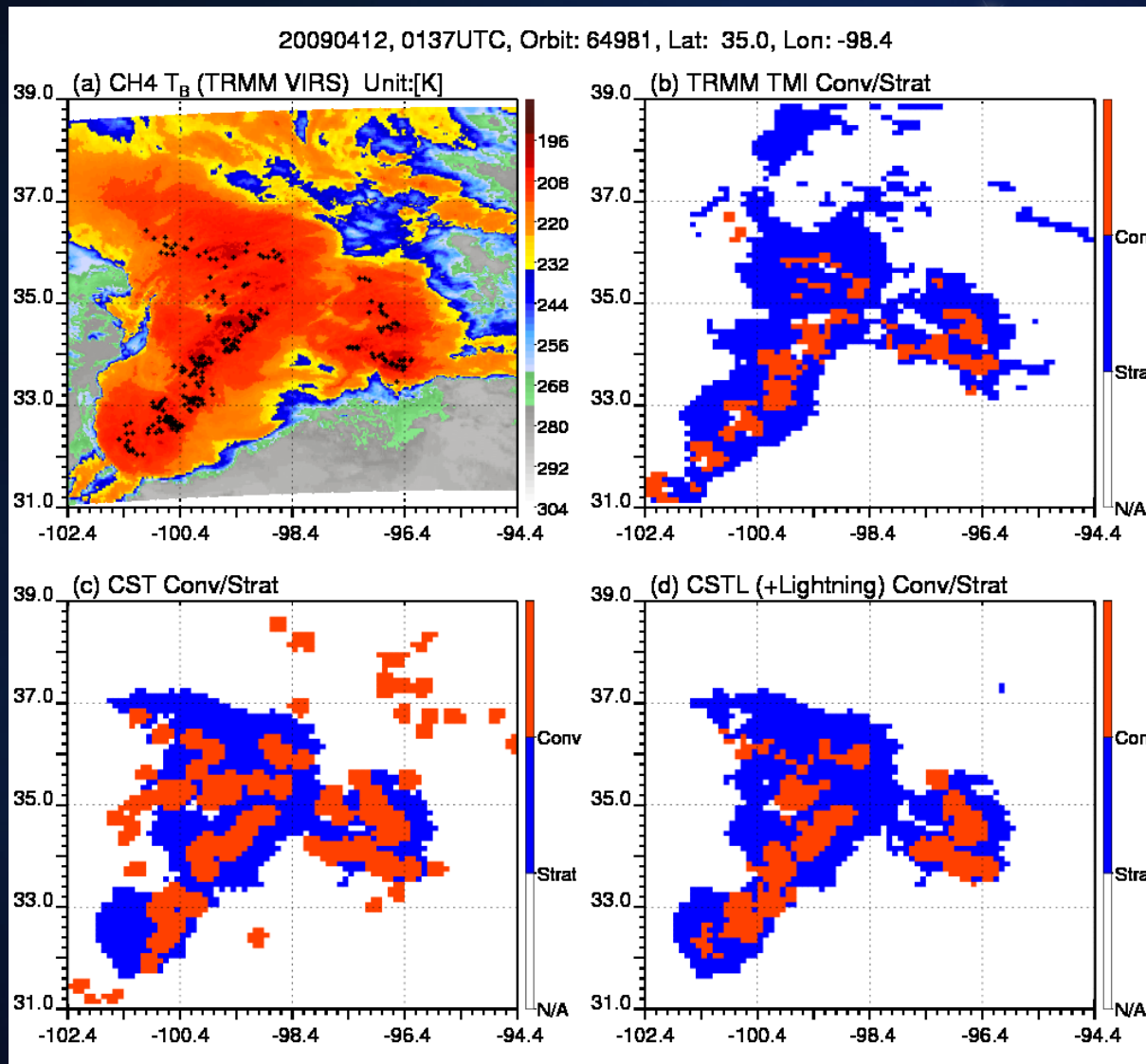
GOES-R Precipitation Projects: FY11-13 GOES-R Risk Reduction

<u>PI</u>	<u>Project</u>
Bob Adler CICS	Combining GLM and ABI Data for Enhanced GOES-R Rainfall Estimates
Xiquan Dong UND	Improving GOES-R Cloud and Precipitation Products Associated with Deep Convective Systems by using NEXRAD Radar Network over the Continental U.S
Bob Rabin NSSL	Improvements to QPE using GOES visible ABI and model data

CST Comparisons

Adler et al.- CST confused by thick cirrus, thick anvil debris, or large MCS cloud shield. Lightning info. (2002-2008) consistently improved the convective detection (POD) by 8%, lowers the false alarm (FAR) by 30%.

IR Tb



PMW
(Conv/Strat
10 mm/hr)

CST
(Conv/Strat)

CST +
Lightning
(Conv/Strat)

CSTL RR - SCaMPR Comparison

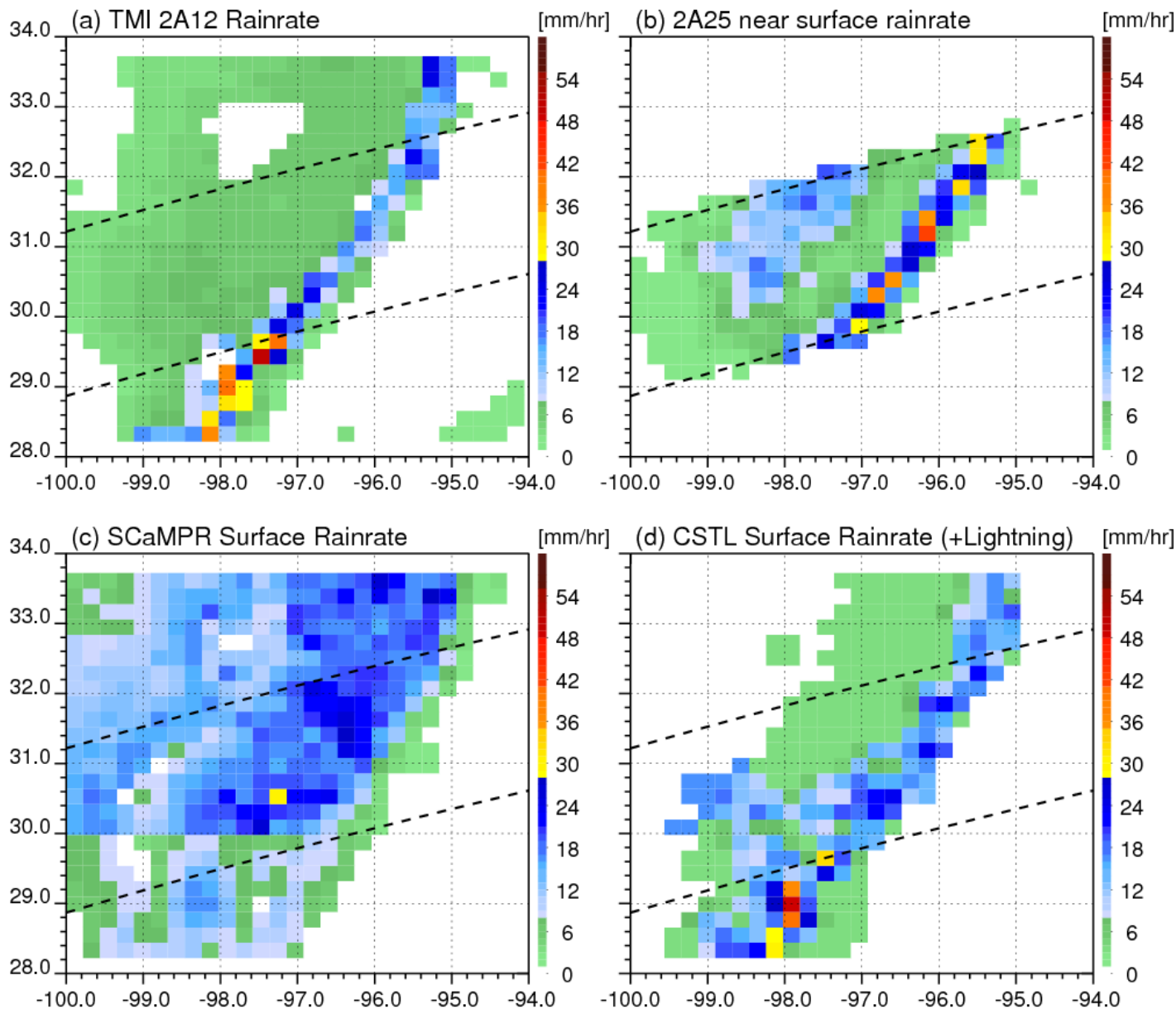
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PMW

Radar

SCaMPR

CSTL
(Final Product)

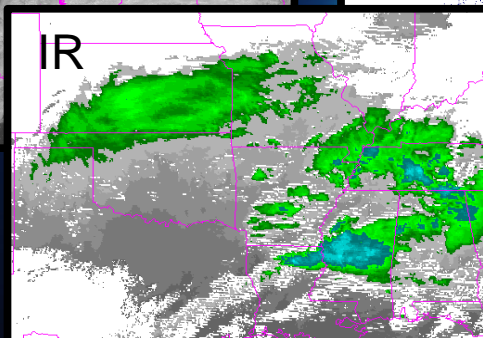
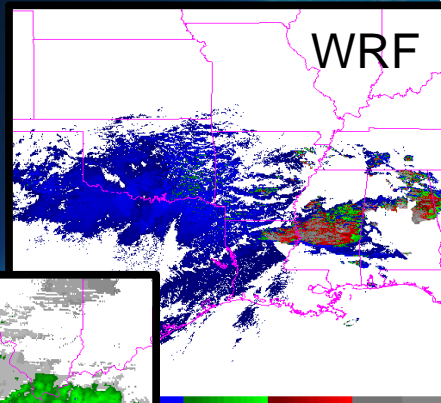
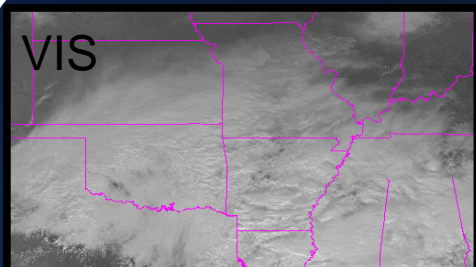
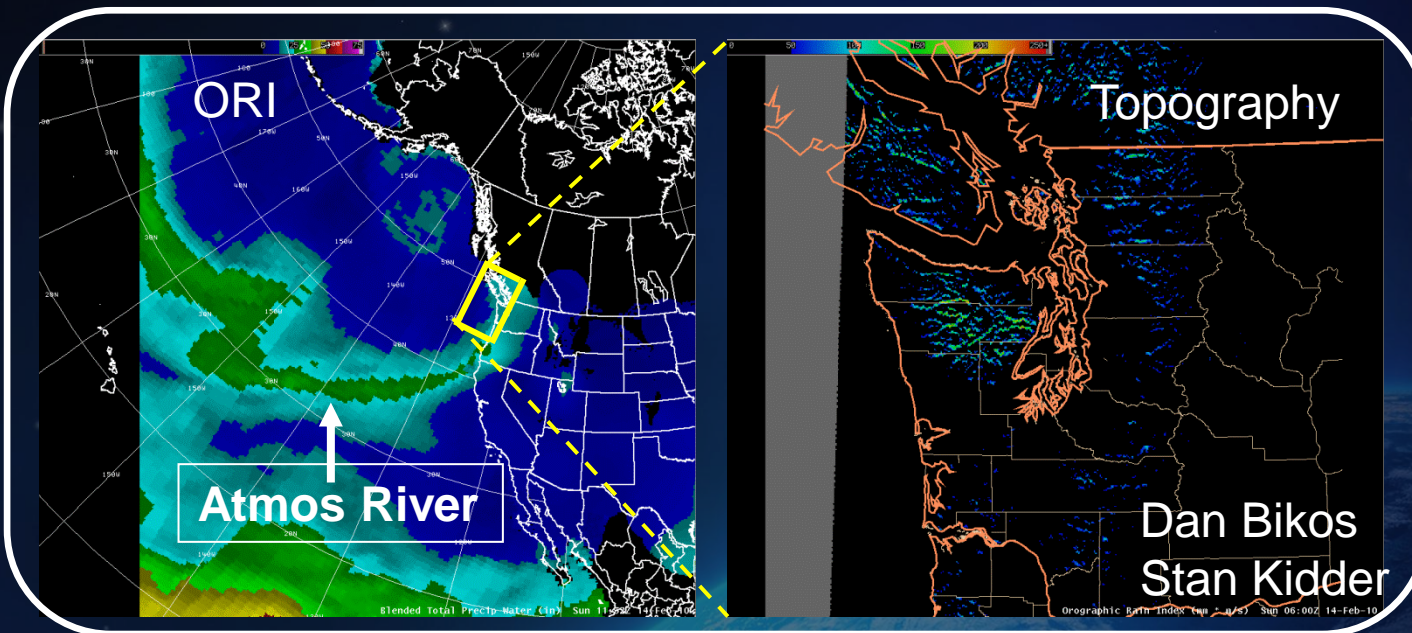




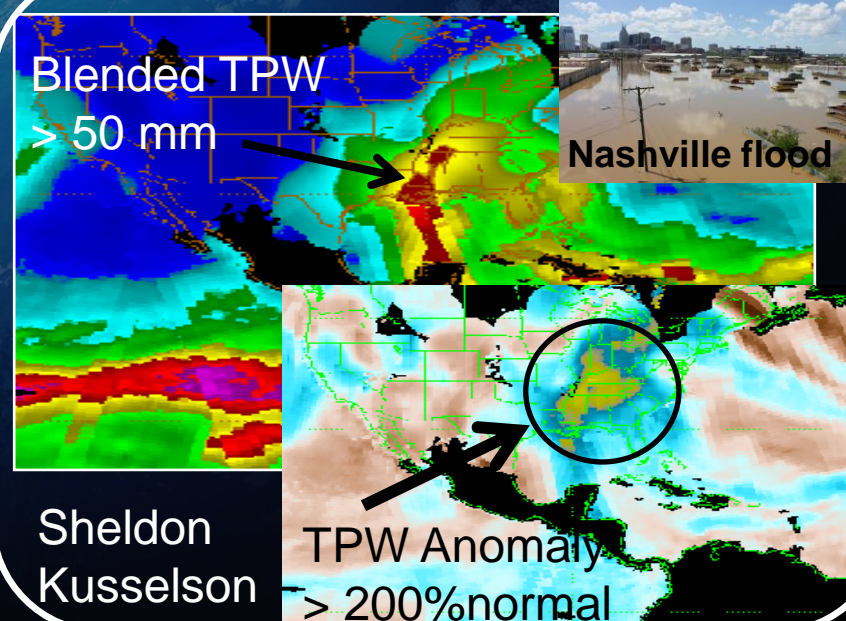
GOES-R Precipitation Projects: New Starts for NOAA Members of the NASA PMM (GPM) Science Team

<u>PI</u>	<u>Project</u>
Pingping Xie NWS/CPC	Development of CMORPH and GPM Day-1 Level 3 Precipitation Products for Improved Weather, Climate, and Water Applications
Jonathan Gourley NSSL	WiMerge: Research and Development of Unified CONUS 3-D Mosaics and QPE products

GOES-R Clouds, Moisture



Bob Rabin



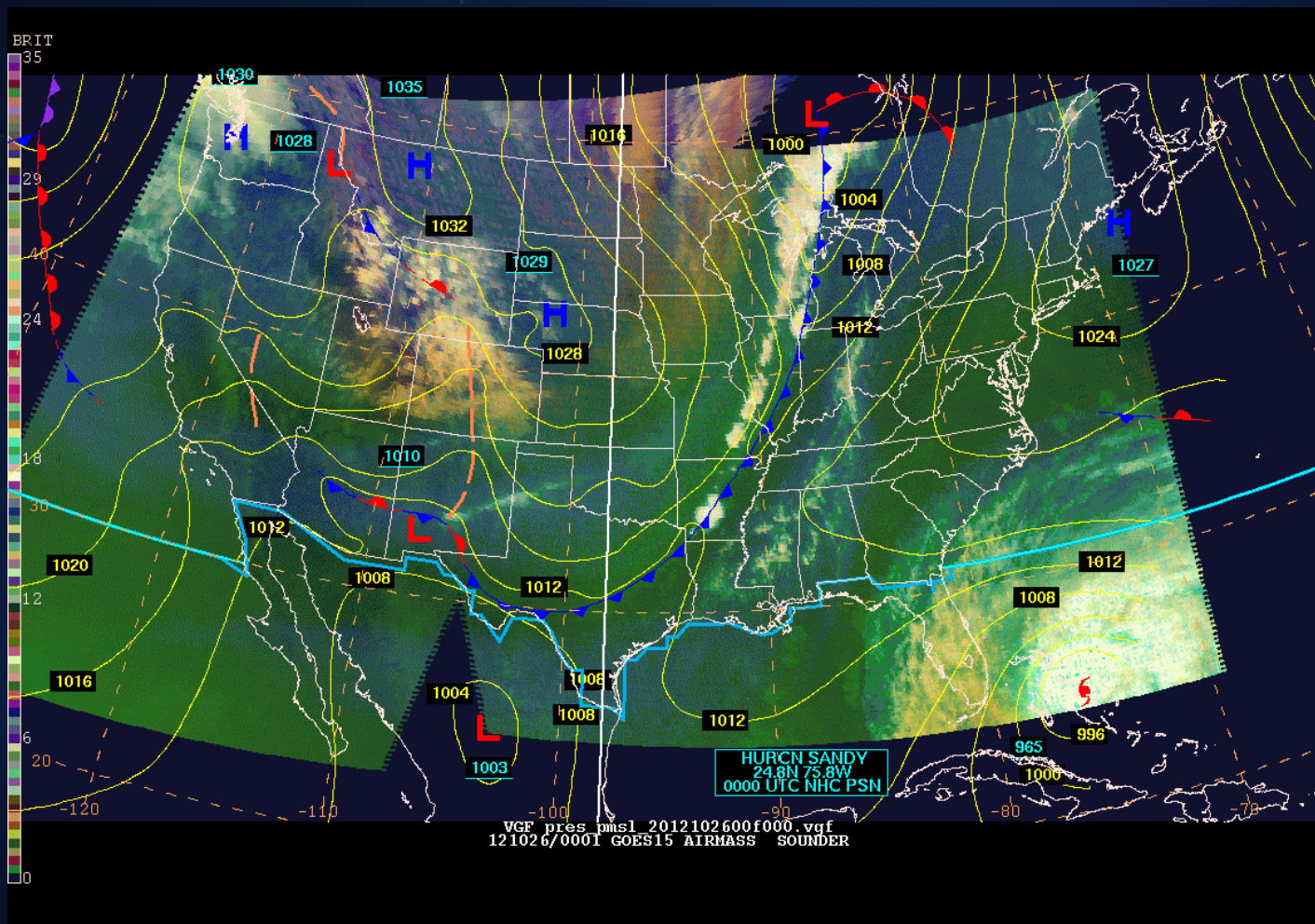
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NHC Highlights

- Many SRSO cases obtained from GOES-14
 - ASPB and CIMSS lead
- Most RGB and related products in N-AWIPS
 - Air Mass (SEVIRI and GOES sounder), Dust, Pseudo-Natural Color, SAL
- Very positive feedback on RGB Air Mass Product
 - Used in NHC forecast discussions and TAFB tropical weather discussions
- NHC leveraging data distribution from SPoRT to get routine microwave imagery
 - *One of the most useful NHC PG contributions so far*

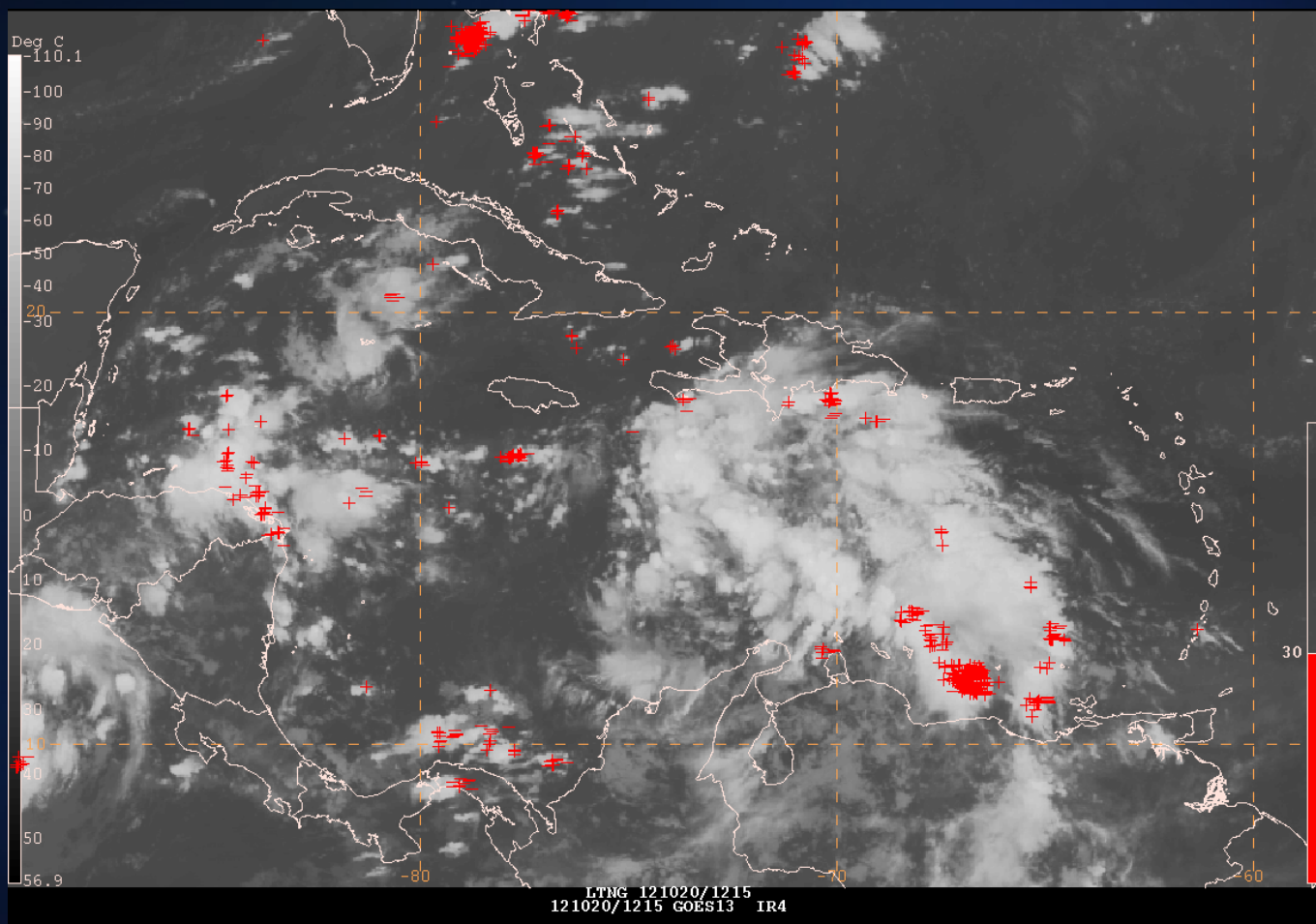
Hurricane Sandy (2012)

GOES-Sounder RGB Air Mass overlaid with WPC surface analysis



Genesis of Hurricane Sandy

GOES-13 Infrared overlaid with 30-minute GLD-360 CG strikes

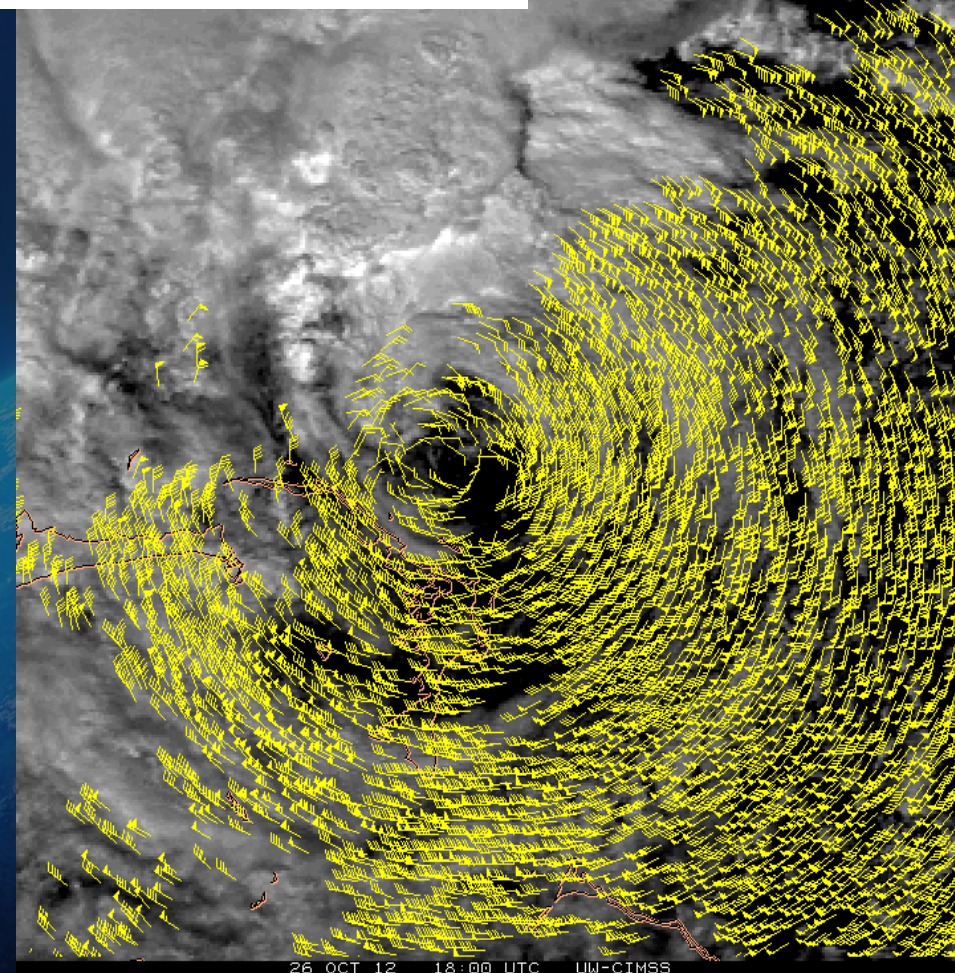
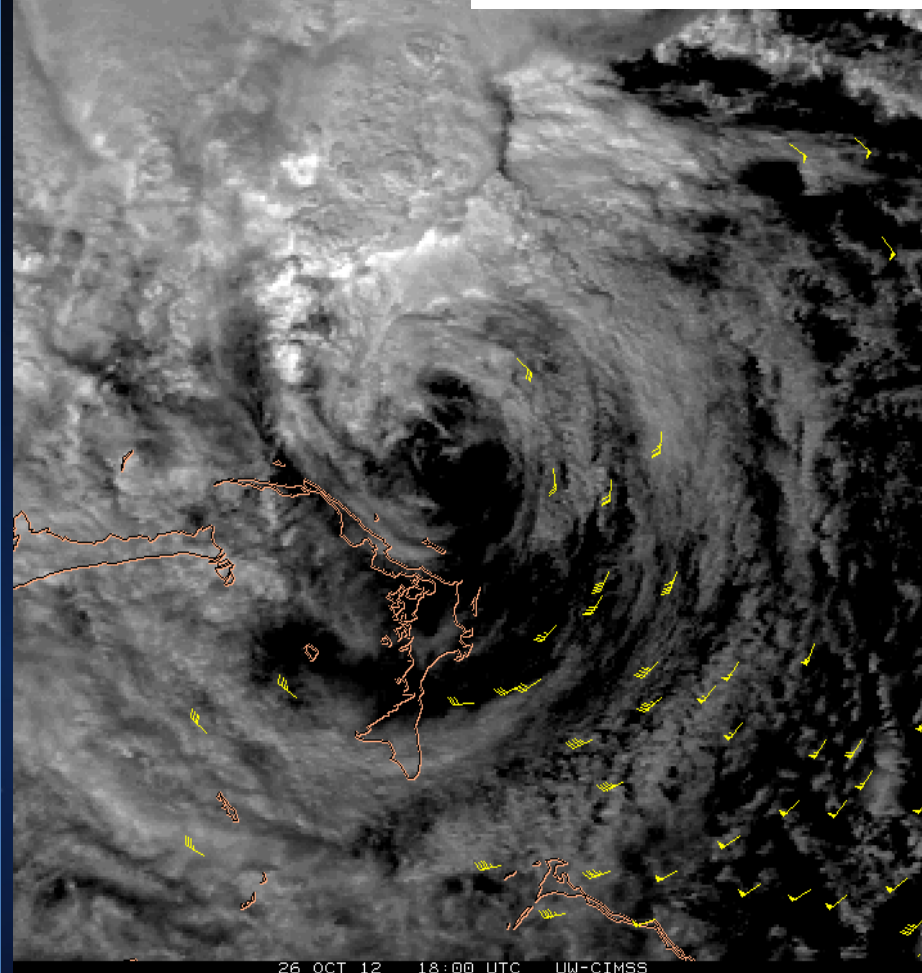


Atmospheric Motion Vectors from GOES-R

Proxy: AMVs from special GOES-14, 1-min super-rapid-scan operations

Hurricane Sandy

Low-Level (700-950 hPa) Vectors from VIS



AMVs from **15-min images** (routine **GOES** sampling)

AMVs from **1-min images** (meso **GOES-R** sampling)

1800 UTC 26 Oct, 2012

C. Velden (CIMSS)



AWC GOES-R Proving Ground

GOES-R Product	Operational Status
Fog and Low Stratus*	AWC ops – July 2012
Cloud Top Cooling#	AWC ops – Oct. 2012
Overshooting Top/Enhanced “V” Detection#	AWC ops/testbed – Oct. 2012
Simulated Satellite Imagery (NSSL-WRF and NAM Nest)*#	Testbed – ops 2013
Pseudo Geostationary Lightning Mapper#	Testbed – ops 2013
NearCasting Model#	Testbed
ACHA Cloud Height Algorithms*#	Testbed
Flight Icing Threat*	Testbed
GOES-R Convective Initiation (UAH)#	Testbed
RGB Airmass	NAM ops – Oct. 2012

*Winter Experiment: 11-22 February 2013

#Summer Experiment: 12-23 August 2013



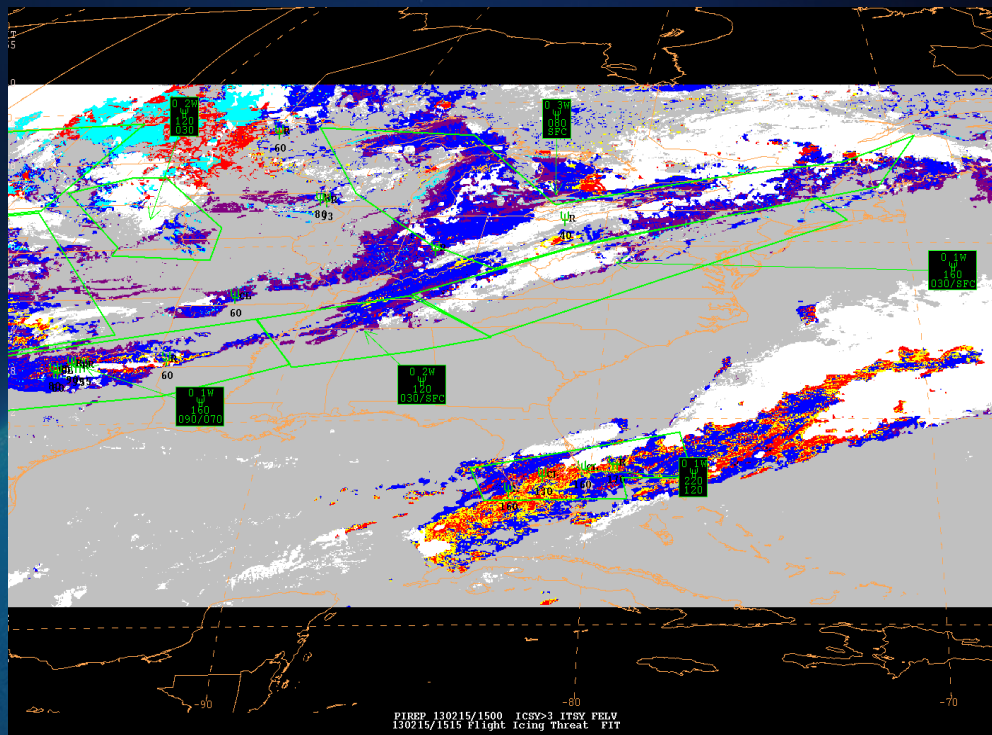
AWC 2012 Highlights

- CTC: 'this product is an excellent source of enhancing the situational awareness for future convective initiation, particularly in rapid scan mode'
- NearCasting: 'The product was VERY useful in terms of assessing where the atmosphere would be most favorable for convection should there be a trigger and/or broad-scale lift support'
- Fog/Low Cloud: 'This product will be very helpful in identifying both advancing and dissipating fog layers, particularly on the West Coast.'
- PGLM: This product showed potential in identifying electrically active areas not associated with CG strikes.

2013 Winter Experiment

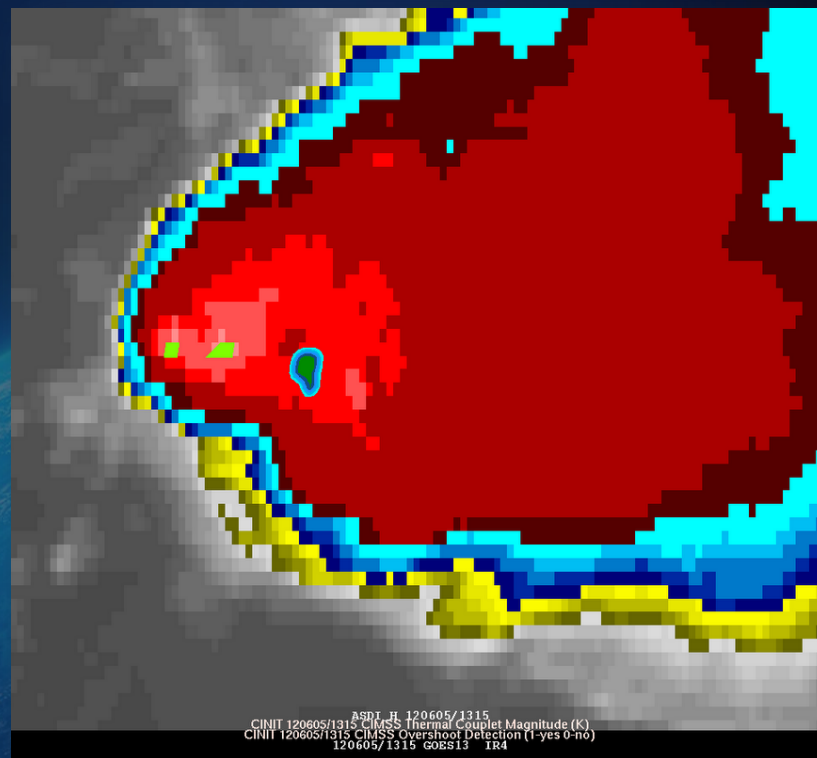
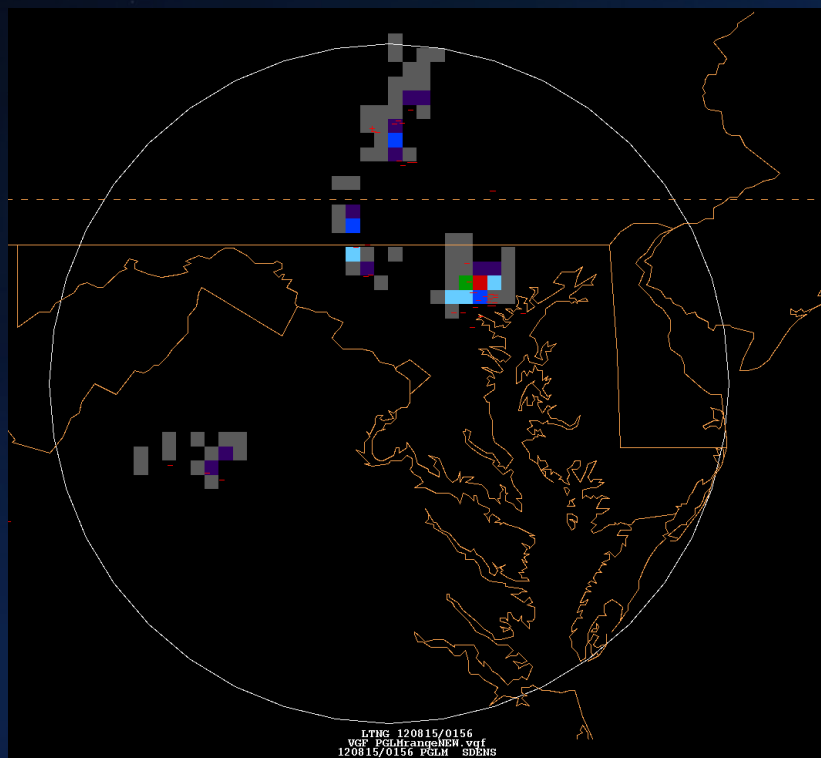
Flight Icing Threat

- FIT showed higher icing probabilities over FL and the GulfMex
- FIT was able to pick out areas with a higher likelihood of icing, corroborated by the icing PIREPs in the same region
- Though only over a small portion of the Gulf of Mexico, the product has the potential to be useful over data sparse areas, such as large bodies of water, where observations and model data may not be available.



2012 Summer Experiment

Pseudo Geostationary Lightning Mapper and GOES-R Convective Initiation Toolbox



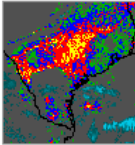
- The GLM will be of particular use in the tropics, as much convection in those areas contains intra-cloud lightning as well as CG
- The ABI OTD and GLM will also be of use in data sparse areas, such as over large bodies of water and regions with limited radar coverage

Training and Education



Online Training Modules

- GOES-R: Benefits of Next-Generation Environmental Monitoring (COMET)
- GOES-R 101
- Satellite Hydrology and Meteorology for Forecasters (SHyMet)
- SPoRT product training modules
- Commerce Learning Center



GOES Fog Depth
[Download](#) (for NWS users)
[Launch](#) in browser
[\(user guide\)](#)

This training module focuses on the use of the Fog Depth product within the GOES Aviation suite provided through a collaboration between SPoRT and NESDIS. The use of this product along with the Low Cloud Base product is demonstrated in support of aviation forecasts of ceiling and visibility. This module takes 16 minutes to complete and requires the flash plug-in. (May 2008)

Printed Materials

- GOES-R Fact Sheets (17)
- GOES-R Tri-fold

GOES-R 101



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Outreach Projects (with NWSFOs)

- COMET will reach out to the GOES-R Proving Ground Partners and connect them with university faculty to use current and prototype data products for the purpose of building a bridge from products that are currently available to those that will become available when GOES-R is launched.





VISIT



Virtual Institute for Satellite Integration Training

FY11-12 Live Training Sessions

Synthetic Imagery in Forecasting Orographic Cirrus (January 2011)

Synthetic Imagery in Forecasting Severe Weather (February 2011)

Objective Satellite-Based Overshooting Top and Enhanced-V Anvil Thermal Couplet Signature Detection
(February 2011)

Volcanoes and Volcanic Ash Part 2 (March 2011)

GOES-15 Becomes GOES-West (December 2011)

VISIT Satellite Chats (short, interactive discussions, Q&A, monthly since February 2012)

Topics:

Fog and Low-Cloud Detection from Satellite (2-22-2012)

Water Vapor Imagery (3-21-2012)

Satellite Related Severe Weather Products (4-25-2012)

Fire Weather Imagery and Products (5-23-2012)

Mesoscale Convective Vortices (6-27-2012)

Synthetic Imagery in Forecasting Low Clouds and Fog (April 2012)

Pseudo GOES Lightning Mapper (May 2012)

Tropical Cyclone Intensity Model Guidance Used by NHC (June 2012, updated)

Tropical Cyclone Track Model Guidance Used by NHC (June 2012, updated)

Convective Cloud Top Cooling, UW Convective Initiation Algorithm (July 2012)



Future Plans: 2013 And Beyond

- Continue to apply lessons learned to incorporate new improvements each year. Example:
 - From HWT Spring Experiment... obvious that forecaster application of new products improves with additional training. In 2012 forecasters had access to satellite training material prior to arrival in Norman.
- Demonstrate products and decision aids in NOAA Testbeds, NCEP Centers, WFOs, and the NWS Proving Ground at Training Center
- Transition from Warning Related Products to remaining Baseline Products, Day 2 Future Capability, fused products, Decision Aids, Decision Support Services
- Continue to develop, demonstrate, and test as part of decision support services
- Enhanced JPSS, international, and broadcaster community collaboration

Summary

Pre-launch demonstrations with proxy data benefits users to prepare them to fully exploit all GOES-R instruments and capabilities

- Continue to apply lessons learned to incorporate new improvements each year.
- Demonstrate products and decision aids in NOAA Testbeds, NCEP Centers, WFOs, and the NWS Proving Ground at Training Center
- Transition of Water Cycle/Hydrology Future Capabilities, fused products, Impact-based Decision Aids, Decision Support Services
- Continue to develop, demonstrate, and test as part of decision support services
- Enhanced collaboration with JPSS, international, and private sector community